

MINUTES

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Ladislaus B. Dombrowski Board Room
John A. Hannah Building
608 West Allegan
Lansing, Michigan

August 12, 2008
9:30 a.m.

Present: Mr. Michael P. Flanagan, Chairman
Mrs. Kathleen N. Straus, President
Mr. John C. Austin, Vice President
Mrs. Carolyn L. Curtin, Secretary
Mrs. Elizabeth W. Bauer
Ms. Casandra E. Ulbrich
Mr. Chuck Wilbur, representing Governor Jennifer M. Granholm,
ex officio

Absent: Mrs. Marianne Yared McGuire, Treasurer
Mrs. Nancy Danhof, NASBE Delegate
Mr. Reginald M. Turner

Also Present: Mrs. Jennifer Haberling, 2008-2009 Michigan Teacher of the Year

REGULAR MEETING

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Flanagan called the meeting to order at 9:37 a.m.

II. INFORMATIONAL FOLDER ITEMS

- A. Information on the Status of United States Department of Education 2008 Determinations for Michigan: Implementation of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)
- B. Information on the Special Education Advisory Committee Brief Notes and Reporting Formats

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND ORDER OF PRIORITY

- A. 2008-2009 Title I, Part A – Improving Basic Programs – Initial – added to agenda

- B. 2008-2009 Title I, Part D – Prevention and Intervention for Neglected and Delinquent – Initial – added to agenda
- C. 2008-2009 Title II, Part A – Teacher and Principal Training and Recruiting – Initial – added to agenda
- D. 2008-2009 Title II, Part D – Enhancing Education Through Technology – Initial – added to agenda
- E. 2007-2008 Training and Technical Assistance for William F. Goodling Even Start Family Literacy Programs – Amendment – added to agenda
- F. 2008-2009 Training and Technical Assistance for William F. Goodling Even Start Family Literacy Programs – Continuation – added to agenda
- G. Adoption of Resolution Regarding Michigan Safe Schools Week – removed from the agenda

Mrs. Bauer moved, seconded by Mrs. Curtin, that the State Board of Education approve the agenda and order of priority, as modified.

**Ayes: Austin, Bauer, Curtin, Straus, Ulbrich
Absent: Danhof, McGuire, Turner**

The motion carried.

IV. INTRODUCTION OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS,
DEPARTMENT STAFF, AND GUESTS

Mrs. Eileen Hamilton, State Board Executive, introduced members of the State Board of Education, Department of Education staff, and guests attending the meeting. Mrs. Hamilton introduced the 2008-2009 Michigan Teacher of the Year, Mrs. Jennifer Haberling, who teaches English at Baldwin Street Middle School in Hudsonville.

V. PERSONAL PRIVILEGE – MICHAEL P. FLANAGAN

Mr. Flanagan introduced Ms. Andrea Post who will begin working in the Office of the Superintendent as the Administrative Aide on September 2. He also introduced Ms. Teasha Alward, a student intern in the Office of the Superintendent.

VI. AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

A. Dorothy Beardmore Service to Education Award

Mrs. Straus said the Dorothy Beardmore Service to Education Award is named after the late Dorothy Beardmore, past president and member of the State Board of Education from 1985-2001. She said the award is presented annually to a person for (1) providing volunteer leadership in developing education policy, or positively impacting the education system; or (2) contributing to the improvement of education through involvement on local, state, or national commissions, task forces, or significant leadership or community organizations; and (3) volunteering at the local, state, or national level.

Mrs. Straus said the review panel included four members of the State Board of Education, the State Board Executive, and the Coordinator of the Department's Award and Recognition Programs. She said all of the people nominated were outstanding.

Mrs. Straus said this year's recipient is Mrs. Peggy Tortorice, former member of the Genesee Intermediate School District Board of Education, where she served in all of the elected officer positions, serving as president for eight terms since she was first elected to the board in 1977.

Mrs. Straus read excerpts provided by Peggy's colleagues as part of her nomination. During her last year as president, the Genesee Intermediate School District was recognized with a Board Visionary Leadership Award from the Michigan Association of School Boards. Mrs. Tortorice lead the effort to expand services to students by Genesee ISD being one of a handful of districts to successfully develop a new early college in the community patterned after the very successful Mott Middle College. Mrs. Tortorice was instrumental in the design and implementation of Mott Middle College – Michigan's first middle college – 16 years ago.

Mrs. Tortorice has served on local, state, and national committees focusing on the improvement of educational programs. She has volunteered as a member of the Genesee County Educational Foundation. Doubling the foundation's resources and expanding programs during her leadership as foundation president.

As a strong leader, she has been able to leverage resources to develop and expand new programs. The regional service agency has doubled in size over the last 10 years, and has saved millions of dollars for constituent district programs by developing a wide variety of shared services. Using her knowledge and skills, she is able to build coalitions and partnerships, which have allowed Genesee ISD to continue to bring many new innovations to the county.

Mrs. Tortorice far exceeds the selection criteria established for this award. Her contributions have indeed made a positive impact on literally millions of students during her tenure as a member of the Genesee ISD Board. Without a doubt, she is well respected for her commitment, dedication, tenacity, and volunteerism.

Mrs. Tortorice said she is honored to receive the recognition because of what it represents, and she is proud to accept it because of who it represents. She said she knew Dorothy Beardmore, and they both became local school board members in 1967. She said Dorothy Beardmore was a wonderful lady who worked very hard for education.

Mrs. Tortorice said she is grateful to her committed hard-working colleagues at Genesee Intermediate School District for many years of working together to improve education and support local school districts.

Mrs. Straus presented Mrs. Tortorice with a crystal bowl, engraved base, and certificate.

Mrs. Tortorice introduced her family members and colleagues from Genesee Intermediate School District who joined her at the meeting.

B. Verizon Foundation's Thinkfinity Donation

Mr. Bruce Umpstead, Director, Educational Technology and Data Coordination; and Ms. Barb Fardell, Manager, Educational Technology; explained the Verizon Foundation's Thinkfinity donation to the Michigan Educators' Resources (MER)/Michigan Online Resources for Educators (MORE).

Ms. Fardell said Michigan Educators' Resources (MER) is a collection of preschool through 12th grade education-related Web resources available through the Michigan eLibrary. She said Verizon Foundation's Thinkfinity helped the program become MORE by adding 55,000 additional resources and \$60,000 toward roll out. She previewed MER and demonstrated a Thinkfinity resource.

Ms. Fardell introduced partners in the MER project – Ms. Nancy Robertson, State Librarian, Library of Michigan; and Dr. Marcia Mardis, Professor, Library and Information Science Program, Wayne State University. Ms. Fardell introduced Verizon Thinkfinity partners Ms. Gale Givens, Verizon's Region President; Mr. Paul Fuglie, Vice President of Regulatory and Government Affairs; and Mr. John Van Wyck, External Communications Director for Verizon's Michigan Operations.

Mr. Umpstead thanked the Verizon Foundation representatives for the monetary donation and making Thinkfinity web resources easy to incorporate into the web portal hosted by the Library of Michigan.

Mr. Fuglie said Verizon Foundation works with various organizations to ensure resources are current and maintained. He said Thinkfinity is free, because Verizon holds the belief that education is key to success. He said Thinkfinity provides links for teachers, parents, and students.

The website addresses are www.mel.org and www.thinkfinity.org.

VII. RECESS

The Board recessed the Regular Meeting at 10:14 a.m.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

VIII. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Flanagan called the Committee of the Whole Meeting to order at 10:15 a.m.

IX. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Presentation on the Updated Policy for the Appointment of Surrogate Parents for Special Education Services

The following individuals presented:

- Dr. Sally Vaughn, Deputy Superintendent and Chief Academic Officer
- Dr. Jacquelyn Thompson, Director, Office of Special Education and Early Intervention Services
- Ms. Sheryl Diamond, Consultant, Office of Special Education and Early Intervention Services

The reauthorization of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) 2004 includes new requirements for the appointment of surrogate parents for students with disabilities. Michigan's surrogate parent policy has been revised to include the new IDEA requirements, to update legal citations, and to correct out-of-date language.

A PowerPoint presentation was shown.

The policy will be on the September agenda for approval.

Board member comments and *staff clarifications* included:

1. page 5, third paragraph from the bottom, suggested clarification of wording "To act as a parent or surrogate parent, the *guardian ad litem* must be specifically designated as ~~such~~ A SURROGATE PARENT by the court."
2. how often are surrogate parents appointed – *rarely; and*
3. is there a central registry of surrogate parents or potential surrogate parents – *there is no state list; intermediate school districts are required to maintain a list.*

B. Presentation on Proposed Standards for the Preparation of Early Childhood Education Teachers

The following individuals presented:

- Dr. Sally Vaughn, Deputy Superintendent and Chief Academic Officer
- Dr. Flora Jenkins, Director, Office of Professional Preparation
- Dr. Bonnie Rockafellow, Education Consultant, Office of Professional Preparation
- Dr. Lindy Buch, Director, Office of Early Childhood Education and Family Services

The proposed Early Childhood Education Standards for teacher preparation have been thoroughly reviewed by members of the National Association of Early Childhood Educators and are consistent with the National Association for the Education of Young Children. The proposed standards offered as a major or minor option, will further enhance the Standards for the Preparation of Elementary Teachers.

A PowerPoint presentation was shown.

The Standards will be on the September agenda for approval.

Board member comments and *staff clarifications* included:

1. each Guideline/Standard is given in a short statement without elaboration; will there be a comprehensive design in the teacher preparation programs – *there will be detail in the documentation and the initial review since institutions have given feedback and know the intent and there is a peer review system;*
2. were early childhood advocacy organizations and parent organizations included in the referent group or asked to comment; how many organizations responded – *among those responding were doctors, coordinators for early childhood centers, Community Coordinated Child Care (4C) members, and Michigan Association for the Education of Young Children conference participants; and responses were gathered during presentations at four or five different meetings of various organizations;*
3. is there more rigorous preparation for early childhood teachers – *yes, because they also have elementary preparation and it is more cohesive;*
4. is literacy addressed – *it is well aligned with the Early Childhood Standards of Quality document which has a strong emphasis on literacy and language development; and*
5. will early childhood teachers receive higher salaries – *salaries vary between teachers that work for school districts and those that are not employed by school districts.*

C. Report on Camp Tuhsmeheeta and Michigan Schools for the Deaf and Blind Trust Fund Committee

The following individuals presented:

- Mrs. Carol Wolenberg, Deputy Superintendent
- Mr. Rick Floria, Director, Office of Financial Management

At the June 10, 2008, State Board of Education meeting a representative of Opportunities Unlimited for the Blind provided testimony concerning the 2007 cash match agreement. Staff discussed this issue and recent events concerning Camp Tuhsmeheeta and trusts overseen by the Board.

Mr. Pat Cannon, Executive Director, Michigan Commission for the Blind, said he values the partnership with the Michigan Department of Education and the opportunity for cash match agreements.

The Board will be asked to approve the spending plan at its September meeting.

Board member comments and *clarifications* included:

1. appreciated meeting hosted by the Michigan Department of Education on June 27th with legislative staff, Elizabeth Bauer, and other interested parties regarding Camp Tuhsmeheeta;
2. Camp Tuhsmeheeta Music Camp was visited on August 4 by Kathleen Straus, Elizabeth Bauer, Carolyn Curtin, Marianne McGuire, Rick Floria, and Alex Davlantes; the visit was good; improvements have been made; Kathleen Straus has notes, and Elizabeth Bauer has notes and photographs;
3. good work is being done for children at Camp Tuhsmeheeta; beautiful property that should not be sold;
4. Bruce Bishop is a great caretaker of the property; toured entire property; incredible improvements have been made to the property; valuable state resource that could have more programs and participants in addition to Opportunities Unlimited for the Blind;
5. are there issues that need to be addressed – *there was previous discussion regarding legislation to sell the property to Opportunities Unlimited for the Blind for one dollar; this should not be done; Roberta Stanley and Lisa Hansknecht will notify the Board if there is pending legislation;*
6. can the summer food program be used – *staff is following up; and*
7. Board members should have lunch at Camp Tuhsmeheeta with campers sometime in the future.

D. Discussion Regarding Criteria for Grant Programs

Mrs. Bauer said the 2008-2009 William F. Goodling Even Start Family Literacy Program Grants (Item W) are designed to promote the academic achievement of children and adults. She asked about coordination with adult education programs since they were moved from the Department of Education to the Department of Labor and Economic Growth by a previous Executive Order. Dr. Lindy Buch, Director, Office of Early Childhood Education and Family Services, said staff members from both departments continue to communicate.

X. ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned the Committee of the Whole to reconvene the Regular Meeting at 11:05 a.m.

REGULAR MEETING

XI. APPROVAL OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES

- A. Approval of Minutes of Committee of the Whole and Regular Meeting of June 10, 2008

Mr. Austin moved, seconded by Mrs. Curtin, that the State Board of Education approve the minutes of the Committee of the Whole and Regular Meeting of June 10, 2008, as amended.

The vote was taken on the motion.

**Ayes: Austin, Bauer, Curtin, Straus, Ulbrich
Absent: Danhof, McGuire, Turner**

The motion carried.

- B. Approval of Record of State Board of Education Retreat of June 16, 2008

Mrs. Bauer moved, seconded by Mrs. Straus, that the State Board of Education approve the record of the State Board of Education Retreat of June 16, 2008.

The vote was taken on the motion.

**Ayes: Austin, Bauer, Curtin, Straus, Ulbrich
Absent: Danhof, McGuire, Turner**

The motion carried.

XII. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

A. MAISA Summer Conference

Mrs. Straus said she, Mrs. Bauer, and Mrs. Curtin were panelists at the Michigan Association of Intermediate School Administrators (MAISA) Summer Conference, "Creating a World Class Education: An International Perspective," held in Grand Rapids on June 18. She said other panelists were William Mayes, Executive Director of the Michigan Association of School Administrators and MAISA; and Dan Schultz, Senior Development and Policy Advisor, Michigan Virtual University. She said the panelists reported on the importance of international education and what they learned while visiting China.

B. Michigan School for the Blind Trust Fund Committee

Mrs. Straus said the Michigan School for the Blind Trust Fund Committee met on June 23, and Board members visited Camp Tuhsmeheeta on August 4 as reported during the Committee of the Whole.

C. Financial Literacy

Mrs. Straus said she recently attended a Judicial Conference and was approached by two Federal judges who co-chair the bankruptcy court committee on financial literacy. She said they wanted to discuss the bankruptcy court's committee to promote financial literacy in schools, and they were interested in what Michigan has done.

D. Interstate Migrant Education Council Meeting

Mrs. Straus said she attended the Interstate Migrant Education Council Meeting in Washington, D.C. June 25-27.

E. NSBA Conference and NASBE's Policy Symposium on Obesity Prevention

Mrs. Straus said she attended the National School Board Association Conference and was also a member of the Michigan team that National Association of State Boards of Education Policy Symposium on Obesity Prevention at the Clinton Presidential Center in Little Rock, Arkansas on July 10 and 11. She said the conference was funded by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. She said the team also included Mr. Kyle Guerrant, Supervisor, Coordinated School Health and Safety Programs; Mr. Paul Yettaw, Food Service Director, Lakeview School District in Battle Creek;

and Ms. Carrie Tarry, Adolescent and School Health Manager, Michigan Department of Community Health. Mrs. Straus said the symposium was a follow up to a conference held last fall. She said one third of youth and two thirds of adults are obese and this is contributing to increased health care costs. She said participants were urged to increase awareness and education, and not lose commitment.

XIII. REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Reports

- G. Human Resources Update
- H. Department of Education Cosponsorships
- I. Report on the Traverse Bay Area Intermediate School District Plan for the Delivery of Special Education Programs and Services
- J. Report on Property Transfer Decisions

Grants

- K. 2006-2007 Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, Part B Formula Grants – Amendment
- L. 2007-2008 IDEA, Part B Mandated Activities Projects – Amendment
- M. 2007-2008 Special Projects Grants Under Centers for Disease Control and Prevention – Amendment
- N. 2008-2009 Special Projects Grants Under Centers for Disease Control and Prevention – Initial
- O. 2008-2009 Secondary CTE Perkins Grant Program – Initial
- P. 2008-2009 Tech Prep Grant Program – Initial
- Q. 2008-2009 Secondary Perkins State Leadership – Initial and Continuation
- R. 2007-2008 My Dream Explorer Grant – Initial and Continuation
- S. 2007-2008 Title II, Part D, Enhancing Education Through Technology, Category III, Comprehensive K-12 Data Management and Student Tracking System – Amendment and Continuation

- T. 2007-2008 Section 41, Bilingual Education Grant – Initial
- U. 2007-2008 Title I Technical Assistance Grant – Amendment
- V. 2008-2009 Early On Formula Grants (Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act) – Initial
- W. 2008-2009 William F. Goodling Even Start Family Literacy Program Grants – Amendment
- NN. 2008-2009 Title I, Part A – Improving Basic Programs – Initial
- OO. 2008-2009 Title I, Part D – Prevention and Intervention for Neglected and Delinquent – Initial
- PP. 2008-2009 Title II, Part A – Teacher and Principal Training and Recruiting – Initial
- QQ. 2008-2009 Title II, Part D – Enhancing Education Through Technology – Initial
- RR. 2007-2008 Training and Technical Assistance for William F. Goodling Even Start Family Literacy Programs – Amendment
- SS. 2008-2009 Training and Technical Assistance for William F. Goodling Even Start Family Literacy Programs – Continuation

Mr. Flanagan provided a verbal report on:

- A. Letter to Thomas McTavish Regarding Increase in Audit Fees

Mr. Flanagan said on July 24, 2008, he sent a letter to Thomas McTavish, Michigan's Auditor General, expressing concern over significant fee increases over the last four single audits. He said in 2000-01 the fee was \$135,000, and in 2006-07 the fee was \$439,000. He said he suggested that the Auditor General may be able to reduce costs by relying on the newly created Internal Audit Services Division within the State Budget Office. Mr. Flanagan said he offered the Department's assistance to look into efficiencies to decrease rather than increase the audit fees.

- B. Detroit Public Schools

Mr. Flanagan said he has asked Detroit Public Schools to approve and submit a Deficit Elimination Plan by August 15, and he is confident that will occur. He said this is a local control issue, and there will be a formal audit in November. He said the Department's

role is to determine if it is an appropriate two-year plan to eliminate the deficit, and actions begin to take place and continue.

C. "The Authorizer Experience" – Michigan Council of Charter School Authorizers

Mr. Flanagan distributed a booklet, "The Authorizer Experience," from the Michigan Council of Charter School Authorizers. He said the booklet: (1) reviews evolution of authorizing Public School Academies, (2) outlines core oversight functions, which have been shaped by lessons from the field, (3) acknowledges that robust authorizer operations are not developed overnight, (4) identifies challenges of authorizers related to inexperience or opposition to Public School Academies, (5) reports on the closure of 30 Public School Academies because they no longer provided adequate service to students and taxpayers, and (6) calls for research on what constitutes quality authorizing and on improving collaboration with traditional school districts.

Mrs. Bauer suggested that some of the recommendations in "The Authorizer Experience" could be future topics of discussion.

In response to Mrs. Straus, it was stated that a planning meeting is pending to discuss the anticipated meeting between the Board and authorizers.

D. Advanced Placement Test Fee Program

Mr. Flanagan said Michigan has taken part in the Advanced Placement Test Fee Reduction program for five years. He said students who show need mainly by qualifying for free or reduced lunch/breakfast are eligible to have the entire test fee of \$84 paid through the Advanced Placement Test Fee Reduction Grant. He said this grant money is available on a competitive basis from the United States Department of Education.

Mr. Flanagan said the Department recently received the first of three reports on the testing results from the 2007-2008 school year. He said Michigan showed a 42% increase in the number of tests paid through the first billing period, as compared to 2006-2007.

XIV. REPORT OF MICHIGAN TEACHER OF THE YEAR

Mrs. Jennifer Haberling, 2008-2009 Michigan Teacher of the Year, provided a verbal report.

Mrs. Haberling said she appreciates the opportunity to represent the voice of great teachers in Michigan. She said she has been meeting with many Department staff members, and she is learning a lot.

Mrs. Haberling said she will begin the new school year shortly, and her daughter will be in her seventh grade classroom. She said she is a member of a Hudsonville Public Schools committee that has been working to change the grading policy to separate life skill items from the content standards and provide a grade for each.

XV. RECEIVE THE REPORT ON THE 2006-2007 TEACHER PREPARATION INSTITUTION PERFORMANCE SCORES

Dr. Sally Vaughn, Chief Academic Officer and Deputy Superintendent; Dr. Flora Jenkins, Director, Office of Professional Preparation Services; and Dr. Steve Stegink, Higher Education Consultant, Office of Professional Preparation Services; presented Report on the 2006-2007 Teacher Preparation Institution Performance Scores.

Dr. Vaughn said since 2000, the Michigan Department of Education has initiated several changes in procedures for reviewing and approving teacher preparation programs to assure that the state's programs continue to advance in quality. She said at that same time Title II, Section 208(a) of the Higher Education Act required that each state establish criteria, identify, and assist teacher preparation institutions that are not performing at a satisfactory level. She said the Office of Professional Preparation Services staff has gathered the necessary data and applied the criteria producing this report.

Dr. Jenkins said the State Board of Education approved criteria for teacher preparation institution performance scores in June 2006. She said at the October 9, 2007, meeting Board members approved the addition of an evaluation survey to be completed by a supervisor and increasing the threshold for responsiveness to state needs from the previous 10% to 35% for the 2008-09 report. She said office staff members are working on the principal survey that will be shared with the Board later in the year.

Dr. Jenkins said there are two institutions in the low-performing category and one in the at-risk category. She said staff is working with the Professional Standards Commission for Teachers to develop a technical assistance plan to assist these institutions.

Mrs. Bauer said as student populations become increasingly diverse we need to determine how to reach out to students in the earliest grades to inspire them to become teachers and have a mentor during high school. Dr. Vaughn said when people speak of the teaching

profession with high regard it can do much to spark an interest in students to explore teaching as a career.

Mrs. Straus asked what is being done with institutions that are having difficulties in meeting standards. Dr. Jenkins said one of the institutions has hired a consultant. She said Department staff has helped institutions review recruiting of students, admissions criteria, areas with the weakest test scores, and alignment between course syllabi and objective expectations of the Michigan Test for Teacher Certification.

Mrs. Straus said some students are not prepared when entering college. Dr. Vaughn said the High School Graduation Requirements will work down to the middle school and elementary levels, and students will be better prepared to enter college.

Mrs. Curtin said when she visited China she witnessed the great respect the Chinese people have for teachers, and that needs to be emulated in our country.

Mr. Austin moved, seconded by Mrs. Curtin, that the State Board of Education receive the report on the 2006-07 Teacher Preparation Institution Performance Scores, as discussed in the Superintendent's memorandum dated July 28, 2008.

The vote was taken on the motion.

Ayes: Austin, Bauer, Curtin, Straus, Ulbrich
Absent: Danhof, McGuire, Turner

The motion carried.

XVI. APPROVAL OF AN EXTENSION OF A MORATORIUM ON GRANTING PRELIMINARY APPROVAL OF INSTITUTIONS FOR INITIAL PREPARATION OF TEACHERS FROM AUGUST 1, 2008 THROUGH JULY 30, 2011

Dr. Sally Vaughn, Chief Academic Officer and Deputy Superintendent; Dr. Flora Jenkins, Director, Office of Professional Preparation Services; and Dr. Steve Stegink, Higher Education Consultant, Office of Professional Preparation Services; presented Approval of Extension of a Moratorium on Granting Preliminary Approval of Institutions for Initial Preparation of Teachers from August 1, 2008 Through July 30, 2011.

Mr. Flanagan said on August 9, 2005 the State Board of Education approved the moratorium on the preliminary approval to institutions for initial preparation of teachers.

Dr. Jenkins said because Michigan prepares more teachers than can find jobs in this state, and because the process to work with new institutions requires a great deal of consulting time from limited Department staff, the Board is being asked to extend the moratorium on new requests for preliminary approval to institutions from August 1, 2008 through July 30, 2011. She said this will allow staff time to assist institutions that are currently in preliminary or probationary approval as they continue to develop quality teacher preparation programs.

Dr. Vaughn said 32 institutions are beginning the national accreditation process including work on standards for specialty programs.

Mrs. Bauer moved, seconded by Mrs. Curtin, that the State Board of Education approve the extension of the moratorium on granting preliminary approval to institutions for the initial preparation of teachers from August 1, 2008 through July 31, 2011, as discussed in the Superintendent's memorandum dated July 28, 2008.

Mrs. Straus asked if a low-performing institution can be an effective mentor. Dr. Jenkins said it was a previous agreement before teacher preparation performance scores were issued. She said the institution has been appointed a Committee of Scholars, and new institutions will be mentored by high performing institutions. Mrs. Straus asked if this would affect certification of students, and Dr. Jenkins said approval will not.

Mr. Austin asked if the moratorium is frustrating to institutions. Dr. Jenkins said there may be one or two institutions that would like to begin a teacher preparation program and are not able to do so under the moratorium.

Mrs. Straus asked why the University of Phoenix withdrew its request. Dr. Jenkins said more information was requested by the Committee of Scholars, and the University of Phoenix was not interested in following through on their request.

Mr. Flanagan said there needs to be an alignment to serve more teachers in the areas of mathematics, science, and special education.

The vote was taken on the motion.

Ayes: Austin, Bauer, Curtin, Straus, Ulbrich
Absent: Danhof, McGuire, Turner

The motion carried.

XVII. RECESS

The Board recessed the Regular Meeting from 11:50 a.m. until 1:10 p.m.

Mr. Wilbur left the meeting at 1:10 p.m., and Ms. Brandy Johnson-Faith, Education Policy Fellow, representing the Governor's office, joined the meeting.

XVIII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

- A. Ms. Jean Doss, Lansing, Michigan. Ms. Doss provided verbal and written information on House Bills 4162 and 4091 requiring schools to have an anti-bullying policy.
- B. Mr. David Borth, Big Rapids, Michigan. Mr. Borth, representing the Network of Michigan Educators, provided verbal and written information on the Network of Michigan Educators annual conference.
- C. Ms. Dawn Staley, Fife Lake, Michigan. Ms. Staley provided verbal and written information on Camp Tuhsmeheeta.
- D. Ms. Jessica McNutt, Arcanum, Ohio. Ms. McNutt provided verbal and written information on Camp Tuhsmeheeta.
- E. Ms. Lydia Schuck, Mason, Michigan. Ms. Schuck provided verbal and written information on Camp Tuhsmeheeta.
- F. Ms. Sharon Burton, Canton, Michigan. Ms. Burton provided verbal and written information on Camp Tuhsmeheeta.
- G. Mr. George Wurtzel, Lansing, Michigan. Mr. Wurtzel, representing Opportunities Unlimited for the Blind, provided verbal information on Camp Tuhsmeheeta.
- H. Mr. Fred Wurtzel, Lansing, Michigan. Mr. Wurtzel, representing the National Federation of the Blind, provided verbal information on Camp Tuhsmeheeta.

XIX. PERSONAL PRIVILEGE – MRS. KATHLEEN N. STRAUS

Mrs. Straus thanked Mr. George Wurtzel, who had announced his resignation as Executive Director of Opportunities Unlimited for the Blind, for his commitment to developing and providing programs at Camp Tuhsmeheeta for blind students. She said the Board values Camp Tuhsmeheeta and providing the best possible opportunities for blind and visually impaired children.

XX. APPROVAL OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION/MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION GOAL AND PRIORITIES FOR 2008-2009

Dr. Sally Vaughn, Chief Academic Officer and Deputy Superintendent; and Ms. Carol Wolenberg, Deputy Superintendent; presented Approval of State Board of Education/Michigan Department of Education Goal and Priorities for 2008-2009.

Mr. Flanagan said the proposed document is based on conversations during the June 16, 2008, State Board of Education retreat. He said the Strategic Goal remains the same, "Attain substantial and meaningful improvement in academic achievement for all students/children with primary emphasis on high priority schools and students." He said the priorities and major activities to accomplish the priorities have been developed based on input from Department staff, and they are based on full staffing and funding resources.

Dr. Vaughn said the first priority is "Re-imagine the pre-K-12 educational system in Michigan that will lead to the State Board of Education's expectations for student achievement." She reviewed the major activities associated with the first priority.

Dr. Vaughn said the second priority is "Continue to review and improve Michigan's teacher preparation system." She reviewed the seven major activities associated with the second priority.

Dr. Vaughn said the third priority is "Continue to advocate and promote high school reform, with an emphasis on relevance, relationships, and implementation." She reviewed the major activities of this priority.

Mrs. Wolenberg reviewed the major activities and committees associated with the fourth priority, "Implement the 'darkening the dotted lines' partnership between the Michigan Department of Education and the intermediate school districts."

Mrs. Straus said editorial board meetings should be set up to help make the public aware of the educational changes that have been made.

Ms. Ulbrich said when the new data associated with the student unique identification code is released, that may be an opportune time to explain the data and point to educational improvements. Mr. Austin said data should be used to promote solutions.

Mr. Austin said home schooling was a topic of discussion at the retreat. Mrs. Wolenberg said a report is being prepared and it will be shared with the Board through a monthly update.

Mrs. Straus said the fourth major activity under the second priority should be reworded for clarity.

Mrs. Bauer asked if the sixth major activity under the second priority is limited to one Michigan-identified priority. Dr. Vaughn said it was the intent that the focus would be one priority, as informed by research.

Mrs. Bauer asked if the Research Collaborative will look at research outside the state in areas such as teacher preparation and extended school year. Dr. Vaughn said it is typical that research from other states would be included.

Mrs. Straus said the National Association of State Boards of Education is seeking Letters of Interest for the High School Leadership Policy Grant to develop strategies and policies supporting low- and under-performing high schools. She said this is something Michigan may want to pursue.

Mrs. Straus moved, seconded by Mrs. Bauer, that the State Board of Education approve the Michigan State Board of Education/Department of Education Goal and Priorities for 2008-09, as attached to the Superintendent's memorandum dated August 5, 2008.

The vote was taken on the motion.

Ayes: Austin, Bauer, Curtin, Straus, Ulbrich
Absent: Danhof, McGuire, Turner

The motion carried.

XXI. APPROVAL OF STANDARDS FOR EXTENDED SCHOOL YEAR SERVICES IN MICHIGAN

Dr. Sally Vaughn, Chief Academic Officer and Deputy Superintendent; and Dr. Jacquelyn Thompson, Director, Office of Special Education and Early Intervention Services; presented Approval of Standards for Extended School Year Services in Michigan.

Mr. Flanagan said the Standards for Extended School Year Services in Michigan have been modified based on Board discussion at its June meeting. He said the item states that the Extended School Year Standards will be embedded in the Administrative Rules for Special Education. He said the request for rulemaking was submitted on June 16, 2008.

Dr. Vaughn said the Standards are reflective of a vast majority of stakeholders from across the state including the Special Education Advisory Committee. She said this document is much anticipated as school district personnel plan for Individualized Education Programs for students.

Dr. Thompson these Standards are representative of the best that have been adopted across the country and reflect case law.

Mrs. Straus said there seems to be leeway in providing services, and she questions if that is a good thing, or offers a way out of providing services. Dr. Thompson said the examples in the guidance document and standards are used to show the wide range of options for providing services and programs. She said it is intended to be opened up to all students as individual learners, and it should provide clarity of what an individualized program would look like.

Mrs. Straus asked who supervises if the program or service is in a community setting. Dr. Thompson said if the location for the provision of services is in a community setting, supervision is always provided by credentialed, approved, educational personnel from the public school.

Mr. Austin said this is an effort to strengthen the education and service delivery, and customize it to the individual child. He said it is a responsibility and challenge to make certain the spirit of the standards is maintained through procedural safeguards, due process system, and monitoring system.

Mrs. Bauer said a simple message should be crafted for parents stating the need for Extended School Year Services must be considered for every student with a disability at each Individualized Education Program Team meeting, and services must be provided if the Team determines services are necessary. She said the complaint process should be stated, as well as advocate contact information.

Mrs. Straus said people need to be informed. Dr. Thompson said there will be effective implementation and communication strategies.

Mrs. Bauer said the public needs to be made aware now rather than waiting for the rules process. Mr. Flanagan said it can be done as soon as the Board approves the Standards.

Mrs. Curtin moved, seconded by Mr. Austin, that the State Board of Education approve the Standards for Extended School Year Services in Michigan, as presented in the Superintendent's memorandum dated July 28, 2008.

The vote was taken on the motion.

Ayes: Austin, Bauer, Curtin, Straus, Ulbrich
Absent: Danhof, McGuire, Turner

The motion carried.

XXII. APPROVAL OF NOMINATIONS TO THE SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Dr. Sally Vaughn, Chief Academic Officer and Deputy Superintendent; and Dr. Jacquelyn Thompson, Director, Office of Special Education and Early Intervention Services; presented Approval of Nominations to the Special Education Advisory Committee.

Dr. Vaughn thanked the Board for its efforts to ensure that there is diversity on the Special Education Advisory Committee.

Mrs. Bauer moved, seconded by Mrs. Straus, that the State Board of Education approve the nominees listed in Attachment B of the Superintendent's revised memorandum of August 6, 2008 and appoint those individuals to serve as members of the Special Education Advisory Committee for the respective terms specified.

The vote was taken on the motion.

Ayes: Austin, Bauer, Curtin, Straus, Ulbrich
Absent: Danhof, McGuire, Turner

The motion carried.

XXIII. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Ms. Lisa Hansknecht and Ms. Roberta Stanley, Legislative Directors, provided the Legislative Update.

Mr. Flanagan said both Ms. Hansknecht and Ms. Stanley will have responsibility for state and federal legislative issues.

Ms. Stanley updated the Board on the Medicaid rule package moratorium, a possible stimulus package, and the Higher Education Act. Ms. Stanley said she will provide the Board members with a summary of the Higher Education Act including federal student loan forgiveness for teachers who work in intermediate school districts.

Ms. Hansknecht discussed the High School Alternative Subcommittee of the House Education Committee, State School Aid Act, and scheduled House and Senate Committee meeting dates.

Ms. Stanley said she and Ms. Hansknecht will join the Office of Grants Coordination and School Support for a listening session on August 26 regarding the Child Nutrition Reauthorization which includes commodities for various community programs. She said this is in preparation for a United States Department of Agriculture listening session to be held in September.

Mr. Flanagan said Ms. Hansknecht and Ms. Stanley will begin to schedule meetings with new House members. Mr. Flanagan said they will also work on scheduling a meeting with the Board in the late fall.

Mr. Austin asked for details regarding the funding for the Small High School Infrastructure Program (Sec. 11n) of the State School Aid Act. Ms. Hansknecht said it is outlined on Attachment A, page 2, item 7. She said there is a required foundation match.

Mrs. Bauer said Mr. Turner informed the Board of the United Way for Southeastern Michigan Greater Detroit Area Venture Fund that was created to support school turnaround efforts in high schools that have low graduation rates. She asked if that could be a source of matching funds. Dr. Vaughn said the United Way project is further along, but the Department will be in sync.

Mrs. Bauer said Representative Peter Hoekstra is sponsoring House Resolution 6737 allowing a tax deduction for each child attending a private or home school equal to 100 percent of the State's average per pupil public education spending. She said the proposed deduction for public school attendance is 25 percent.

Ms. Johnson-Faith said she participated in a meeting with several foundation representatives that are interested in starting a statewide college access network. She said community foundation representatives also met with Mr. Wilbur and Mr. Flanagan to discuss the relationship for the 21st Century Schools Fund. She said the day ended with the bill signing ceremony at the Capitol. She said people are excited about the opportunities for collaboration.

Mrs. Straus asked for an explanation of the National College Access Network. Ms. Johnson-Faith said it is a national organization that provides states with technical assistance to begin an integrated, coordinated network of services. She said first generation college students or those historically underrepresented in postsecondary education receive technical assistance regarding scholarship opportunities, college admissions, and completion of the Free

Application for Federal Student Aid. She said stakeholders include nonprofit organizations; higher education institutions; community foundations; Office of the Governor; and the Departments of Labor and Economic Growth, Human Services and Education. Ms. Johnson-Faith said she will provide more information to the Board.

XXIV. APPROVAL OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2009

Mrs. Straus moved, seconded by Mr. Austin, that the State Board of Education approve the State Board of Education meeting schedule for 2009, as attached to the Superintendent's memorandum dated July 28, 2008.

The vote was taken on the motion.

Ayes: Austin, Bauer, Curtin, Straus, Ulbrich
Absent: Danhof, McGuire, Turner

The motion carried.

The State Board of Education Meeting Schedule for 2009 is attached as Exhibit A.

XXV. CONSENT AGENDA

Criteria

- EE. Approval of Criteria for the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA 2004), Part B, Section 611 Special Education Flowthrough Grants, Enhancing Opportunities for Students with Disabilities (EOSD) Grants, and Transition Services (TS) Grants
- FF. Approval of Criteria for Mandated Activities Under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA 2004)
- GG. Approval of Criteria for Special Project Grants Under the Improving the Health and Educational Outcomes of Young People in Michigan Through Coordinated School Health Programs Funding from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
- HH. Approval of Criteria for the Cultural Access Grant
- II. Approval of Criteria for the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act Mini Grant

Approval

- JJ. Approval of the Revised Model Standards for Out-of-School Time/After-School Programs in Michigan

Reports

- KK. Approval of State Board of Education Expense Report

Resolutions

- LL. Adoption of Resolution Regarding Michigan Safe Schools Week

- MM. Adoption of Resolution Regarding National School Lunch Week

Mrs. Bauer moved, seconded by Ms. Ulbrich, that the State Board of Education approve the Superintendent's recommendations for the consent agenda, as follows:

- EE. approve the Criteria for the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act 2004, Part B, Section 611 Special Education Flowthrough Grants, Enhancing Opportunities for Students with Disabilities (EOSD) Grants, and Transition Services (TS) Grants, as described in the Superintendent's memorandum dated July 28, 2008;**
- FF. approve the Criteria for Mandated Activities Under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, as presented in Attachment A of the Superintendent's memorandum dated July 28, 2008;**
- GG. approve the Criteria for Special Project Grants Under the Improving the Health and Educational Outcomes of Young People in Michigan Through Coordinated School Health Programs Funding from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, as attached to the Superintendent's memorandum dated July 28, 2008;**
- HH. approve the Criteria for the Cultural Access Grant, as attached to the Superintendent's memorandum dated July 28, 2008;**
- II. approve the Criteria for the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act Mini Grant as described in the Superintendent's memorandum dated July 28, 2008;**

- JJ. approve the revised *Model Standards for Out-of-School Time/After-School Programs in Michigan*, as attached to the Superintendent's memorandum dated July 28, 2008;
- KK. approve the April 1 – June 30, 2008 report of the State Board of Education expenses dated July 28, 2008;
- LL. (This item was removed from the agenda); and
- MM. adopt the resolution regarding National School Lunch Week, October 13-17, 2008, as attached to the Superintendent's memorandum dated July 28, 2008.

The vote was taken on the motion.

Ayes: Austin, Bauer, Curtin, Straus, Ulbrich
Absent: Danhof, McGuire, Turner

The motion carried.

The resolution regarding National School Lunch Week is attached as Exhibit B.

XXVI. COMMENTS BY STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS

- A. Thank you from Janice Ambs – Mrs. Kathleen Straus

Mrs. Straus circulated a thank you note written by Mrs. Janice Ambs in appreciation for receiving the Stella Gikas Professional Support Staff Excellence Award.

- B. Olympic Performance – Mrs. Elizabeth Bauer

Mrs. Bauer said Detroit's Martin Luther King Jr. Senior High School band will be performing at the Great Wall during the 2008 Summer Olympics in Beijing, China, and perhaps they could provide a report at a future Board meeting.

XXVII. TENTATIVE AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING

Mr. Flanagan said Board members may contact a member of the Agenda Planning Committee comprised of Mrs. Straus, Mr. Austin, and Mrs. Curtin with suggestions for agenda topics.

XXVIII. FUTURE MEETING DATES

- A. September 9, 2008
- B. October 14, 2008
- C. November 12, 2008
- D. December 9, 2008

XXIX. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn L. Curtin